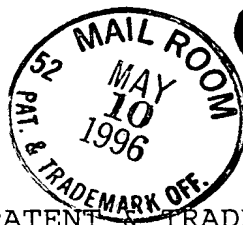


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
KRZYSTOF MATYJASZEWSKI ET AL : GROUP ART UNIT: 1505
SERIAL NO: 08/414,415 :
FILED: MARCH 31, 1995 : EXAMINER: CHENG
FOR: NOVEL (C) POLYMERS AND A
NOVEL POLYMERIZATION
PROCESS BASED ON ATOM
(OR GROUP) TRANSFER
RADICAL POLYMERIZATION

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action of May 3, 1996,
concerning the Restriction Requirement, Applicants
provisionally elect Group I directed to a process of
polymerization with traverse.

Restriction is only proper if the restricted inventions
are independent or patentably distinct and there is a serious
burden placed on the Examiner if restriction is not required
(MPEP 803). The burden is on the Examiner to provide reasons
and/or examples to support any conclusion of patentable
distinctness between the restricted inventions (MPEP 803).

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction
Requirement on the grounds that no adequate reasons and/or
examples have been provided to support conclusions of
patentable distinctness between the restricted invention and

that of a serious burden is placed on the Examiner if restriction is not required.

In particular, the Examiner has asserted that the product as claimed can be made by a materially different process such as polymerizing the monomers with benzoyl peroxide as the initiator. Applicants submit that a polymerization initiated with benzoyl peroxide will produce a random copolymer, not the structured copolymer subject matter claimed in the present application. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection.

Applicants submit that the application is now ready for examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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